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1971EE

"Fall 1901"

TEUTONIC POWERS BLOCK RUSSIAN DRIVE

ENGLAND (Trtok): F Nth-Hol; A Edi-Nwy; F Nrg C A Edi-Nwy.

FRANCE (Vest): A Spa-Mar; F Mid-Por; A Pic-Bol.

GERMANY (Tesser): A Sil S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Gal; F Den-Swe; A Ruh-Hol.

ITALY (Horton): A Rom-Tun; F Tyr C A Rom-Tun; A Pie holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Edeiken): A Vie-Gal; F Alb-Gre; A Ser S F Alb-Gre.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): F Rum holds; A Ukr-Gal; A War S A Ukr-Gal; F Bot-Swe.

TURKEY (Drakert): A Bul holds; F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por. (5)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Kie, Mun. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (5)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

France and Austria-Hungary may each build two new units, and each of the other Powers may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1901" builds is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. Press releases appear on p. 4.

This game now has a stand-by: Steven R. Nozik, 356 Kimberly Drive, Rochester, N. Y. 14610.

Paul Wood reports that his telephone number is 313-773-5918.

John Underwood, playing France in 1972G, writes that his phone number has been changed to 405-321-3616. His ZIP code is 73069, not "73111" as stated on p. 5.

1972A

"Spring 1901"

RUSSIA, AUSTRIA-HUNGARY AT WAR!

ENGLAND (Alfonito): A Yor-Edi; F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Powell): F Bro-Mid; A Par-Bur; A Mar holds.

GERMANY (Huddleston): F Kie-Den; A Ber-Kie; A Mun-Ruh.

ITALY (Tretick): A Ven-Pie; A Rom-Apu; F Nap-Ion.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): A Vie-Tri; F Tri-Alb; A Bud-Gal.

RUSSIA (De Prisco): F Sev-Rum; A War-Gal; F St.P(s.c.)-Bot; A Mos-St.P.

TURKEY (Murray): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Con; A Smy holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. A press release appears on p. 4.

This game now has a stand-by: Major Elliot S. Lipson, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo. 80240.

Scott Huddleston reports that his telephone number is 615-383-4541.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

The next issue of GRAUSTARK, #258, will contain a complete directory of all people who presently receive this publication, whether as players, non-playing subscribers, trading publishers, or for any other reason. Please make sure that GRAUSTARK's records have this information correctly for you! Unless otherwise informed, I will print your address in the form in which it appears on the address label which brings you this copy.

If I do not already have your phone number, and you want it printed, please send it. If I have your phone number, and do not want it printed, let me know that.

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1971EB

"Winter 1901"

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY VOWS REVENGE

ENGLAND (Birsan): Builds F Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): Builds F
 FRANCE (Holcombe): Builds A Par, Tri, A Vie.
 F Bre, A Mar. RUSSIA (Silverman): Builds A War, A
 GERMANY (Grayson): Builds A Ber. Sev.
 ITALY (Brooks): Builds F Nap. TURKEY (Hawley): Builds F Smy.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. Michael Gutierrez is stand-by; see #256 for his address.

VIENNA: The Austrian Emperor is shocked and astounded by Italy's move on Trieste - Surely this must be a misprint! May the whole world note who was the aggressor and who the attacked.

VENICE (2 Jan. 1902): Prince Balbo has announced the early retirement of General L. von Bismarck. The General will be remembered for his attempt to invade Trieste. The Northern Armies have been placed under the command of Prince Balbo and have taken an oath not to march East. An International Commission has been established to determine the amount of damages due to Austria. The King stated, in a message to the people in Rome, "We were reading maps printed in 122 BC and got lost."

1971EC

"Winter 1901"

POLLUTIDAR DECLARES WAR!

ENGLAND (Lipton): Builds F Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Fox): Builds A Vie,
 FRANCE (Grayson): Builds A Par, A Bud.
 A Mar. RUSSIA (Barents): Builds F St.P(n.c.),
 GERMANY (Berman): Builds A Mun, A War.
 A Kie. TURKEY (Willner): Builds F Smy.
 ITALY (Warden): Builds F Nap.

The deadline for "Spring 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. This game now has its first stand-by player; he is Steven R. Nozik, 356 Kimberly Drive, Rochester, N. Y. 14610. Press releases begin on p. 5.

1970BB

"Winter 1913-Spring 1914"

IS IT OVER YET?

Following the "Fall 1913" moves, France removed F Bre and Austria-Hungary built A Vie and A Bud. Russia was entitled to one build, but was unable to do so because no home supply center was vacant.

ENGLAND (Lasky): F Liverpool holds.

FRANCE (Mischel): A Ruh-Mun; A Bur S A Ruh-Mun; A Gas-Mar; F NAT holds.

GERMANY (Isby): A Kie S FRENCH A Ruh-Mun.

ITALY (Comber): F Por-Mid; A Mar-Gas; F Spa(n.c.) S A Mar-Gas; A Pie-Mar;
 A Ven holds; F Iri-Eng.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nierenberg): A Mun-Kie; A Ber S A Mun-Kie; A Mos-St.P;
 A Liv S A Mos-St.P; A Tyr-Mun; A Gal-Sil; A Bud-Gal; A Vie-Boh; F
 Wal S ITALIAN F Iri-Eng; F Naf & F Wes S ITALIAN F Por-Mid; F Lyo S
 ITALIAN A Pie-Mar; A Pru, A Tri, A War, & F Ion hold.

RUSSIA (Shuldiner): F Cly S ENGLISH F Liv; F Eng-Lon; F Nth-Lon; A St.P
 holds; A Fin S A St.P.

The French A Gas, the German A Kie, and the Russian F Eng are dislodged and may retreat. These retreats may be submitted to the Gamesmaster no later than 6 PM, FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY 1972. The deadline for "Fall 1914" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 1972.

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Game 1972E, whose "Spring 1901" moves will be published in the next issue, now has a stand-by. He is Major Ellic S. Lipson, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Denver, Colo. 80240

1970EN

"Fall 1909"

TURKS OVERRUN ITALY

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): F Nwy-Swe; F Ska S F Nwy-Swe; F Nth-Den; F Nrg-Nwy.
 FRANCE (Nierenberg): No moves received. A Bel, F Mid, F Wes, A Gas, A Bur,
 & A Mar hold.
 ITALY (Model): F Nap-Ion; F Tyr-Tun.
 RUSSIA (Buchanan): F St.P(n.c.)-Nwy; F Bar, A Fin, & A Swe S F St.P(n.c.)-
 Nwy; F Den-Nth; F Bal-Den; A Kie S F Bal-Den; A Ruh-Hol; A Mun-Ruh;
 A Boh-Mun; A Sil-Ber; F Sev-Bl; F Aeg holds.
 TURKEY (Barents): F Apu-Nap; F Ion & A Rom S F Apu-Nap; A Ven S A Rom; F
 Alb,&F Eas, & F Gre S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Italy retreats F Nap-Tyr, and the
 Russian A Swe is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the
 following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Swe. (4)	RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Den, Hol, Kie, Mos,
FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Mar, Par, Por,	Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Vie, War. (13)
Spa. (6)	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rom,
ITALY: Tun. (1)	Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven. (10)

Turkey may build two new units, and Russia may build one. Italy must
 remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1909" moves is NOON, SA-
 TURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. Press releases are on p. 4.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY (continued from p. 1)

The space which is required by this directory will in all probability
 squeeze out some press releases. These will be printed in #259. My apo-
 logies in advance to anyone whose publicity is delayed.

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In transcribing from an earlier issue the review which begins on p. 6,
 I left out a few words. The 3rd sentence in the 3rd full paragraph on p. 7
 should read: "The cards are helpful in getting through a demonstration, but
 the third turn must be taken with the dice. If a player wins his demons-
 tration, he not only gets 30 votes from each other player but can move di-
 rectly to any square on the outside track."

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"The more important factor in the rising disesteem of the Establish-
 ment has been its support of the Vietnam war. This was the most grievous
 disaster in American history; the visitor to the United States must be pre-
 pared for a distaste for this enterprise beyond anything he imagined. As
 the architect of foreign and military policy and the defender of the war,
 the Establishment has come in for heavy blame.

"Many members of the Establishment think this unfair. Its communi-
 cants have long believed that its views, by the sheer eminence of those who
 hold them, are by that circumstance made right. Responsibility, in effect,
 annuls error. It was sufficient that the Vietnam policy was made by men of
 excellent reputation. This being so, it was not to be expected that anyone
 would consider whether the intervention was necessary or wise." - John Ken-
 neth Galbraith, London Times Magazine, 7 November 1971

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"Mr. J. Edgar Hoover...has, quite possibly, been a victim of the sex-
 ual revolution in America. Until recently the thought of his extensive
 dossiers detailing sexual or fiscal delinquency was sufficient to keep even
 the boldest politician silent and co-operative. The larcenous still worry.
 But others often now feel that the release of a few lurid episodes from
 their sex history would add lustre to an otherwise pedestrian personality.
 So they now attack Hoover with impunity." - Ibid.

1970BN - PRESS RELEASES

ISSHEMAL-GAKA(Rouch): Here we are again time for another adventure of the high fly-ing freak, Hasha and is all wet compaion Aqualung. We join them this week out in the heat of the Carbu Dersert in the heart of Finland.

They have been marching for weeks since they last saw a person and they were getting a bit horny when Lucy Juciy said;

"You know what I need?"

"No" Says Hasha "What do you need?"

"I need some one like that ever popular person, KKK. Like I mean that guy has got it where it counts."

"Well what about me?"

"Hasha you have had it, your no good anymore. Take last night for example, like you got no where."

At which Hasha leaps on top of her with his side kick Aqualung right beside him, kicking her in the side. Finally they are done with her and she liesbleeding on the ground of the Reindeer Desert in Sweden. Hasha then tells Aquqlung what that was all about.

"See she was a spy for the John," since KKK is not in this time line. I've also discovered the key that was missing from way back when. It was in her,..."

"Gosh" Said aqua "I thought we were to have fun so I was kicking her in the side."

Now that the key is found again they will continue the jounoy to find the truth behind the JOHN. We shall see what happens next time.

IGORIA (Rockl): It has been reported that this country was sliced up a bit from the last reports. The Mayor of the city wanted to make one thin perfectly clear. "Igoria, not merely 3' wide, we are divided into 50 wuch sections there fore we are 150' wide"

BROOKLYN (Rouch): It has been reported that 13 little men dressed in sheeps clothing were admitted to the hospital heretoday. It seems that they were suffering from claw marks and beak bits. The story has it that they were attack by a large bird after it flew them over from Turkey. They said that they started with an army of 20000000000000000000 strong to sack the offices of the Brooklyn URRP. This story seems like a lot of Bull shit. An ivestagtion was to take place, but it was decided that they would be better off in a Metal hospital.

ASSHELLA (Routed): Lorrie Lowly annouced a boom in the eat business. It seems that the rats that infested the city were beeing killed by the cats so Lorrie put in and order for a 10000000 more from the place in the US. "There is nothing like the cats business" Said Lorrie.

1971EE - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA: Admiral Otto Karl von Hapsburgh prince of the realm, protector of the seas, high lord of the eastern marches, knight of columbus has moved his fleet into the ethnically Austro-Hungarian region of Greece to protect it from the ravages of the pagans. All rumors, said to have been concocted in Moscow, that this move is due to Otto Karl's strange and un-natural lust for feta are categorically denied.

VIENNA: When queried about recent military activities in the Balkans and an attempt recently made by a Budapest financier to corner the feta export trade a highly placed official responded: "Don't bother me with that nonsense. We are still busy trying to answer the Schleswig-Holstein Question."

1972A - PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA (29 April 1901): The Emperor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire is pleased to announce a Pax Austria-Hungaria. This can be achieved by the surrender of the other six Great Powers and their second-rate lackeys. It is emphasized that the Emperor wants only piece.

Our beloved ruler hopes to achieve this pax by Winter 1901, as he catches cold easily.

LAST NEW GAME FILLED

Nine days ago, the seventh and last entry came in, and a new postal Diplomacy game is under way in GRAUSTARK. The players are:

ENGLAND: Robert Bryan Lipton, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598; 516-374-4723

FRANCE: John Wesley Underwood, 1001 Elm, Norman, Okla. 73111; 405-321-4474

GERMANY: Ensign R. J. de Jonghe Jr., USNR 778848, BOQ 3246, RM 329B, NAS, Pensacola, Fla. 32508

ITALY: John R. Devereaux, 11 Hagemount Ave., Hightstown, N. J. 08520

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: David Hunt, 217 E. Front St., Adrian, Mich. 49221

RUSSIA: William Atteberry, 3535 Cambridge Dr., Springfield, Ohio 45503

TURKEY: Larry Blandin, c/o Niemayer, 3330 N. Lake Shore, Chicago, Ill. 60657

Players have already been informed of their country assignments. The deadline for "Spring 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 12 FEBRUARY 1972. My telephone number is 212-0X 3-1579.

Ensign de Jonghe is presently in Naval Flight Officer training, which will entail several changes of address. He undertakes to keep the Gamesmaster and other players informed on this point.

This game will be known as "G-VI" until Rod Walker assigns it a number. Please use game numbers in all move submissions, press releases, and other correspondence.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

BROOKLYN (United Rabble Rousing Press): The United Rabble Rousing Press wishes to inform all news sources that its name and the abbreviation thereof are its exclusive property. Furthermore, URRP is informed that the next eight press releases originated in the Hereditary Goondom of Phumpha, situated on the border of seacoast Bohemia and Serbia.

MEROKIA, PHUMPHA (Inner District Underground News Nurturing Offices): Rumors that Sophia Septimus VIII has been lax in enforcing discipline were confirmed today, when the Battleax of Morokia made a statement today. "How can I enjoy myself when our Glorious Umberto is fighting his heart out to defeat the evil forces of Liechtenstein."

ISHMEAL-GAKA (IDUNNO): Phumpha's Diplomatic Radio Underground Movement Systems alleged that Eric the Fatuous, Emperor of Rome, Ruler of the World, King of Kings, Demigod, and freeholder of six acres in Southeast Phumpha had stated that Larry the Laughable, De Facto ruler of Mud, should not be admitted to the goonal Council. "He has no concept of the sacrifices that he would have to make," he said on coming out of an opium dream in his harem. This report is unverified by Masonopolis.

LITTLE ITALY, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Robert the Grandiose of Abalone today announced his plans for military conquest of the world. The plans included fourteen million men moving into a 'ring of steel' formation, with coverage provided by heavy missile barrage, and phumpha's Rifraf. Robert plans to begin action as soon as he can pay to have the missiles fletched.

ROYAL FOREST, PHUMPHA (Indoctrinative Devious Underhandedly Neurotic News Offerings): The chestnut crop ripened today. As usual, the two squirrels each got half the nut.

Y, PHUMPHA (Limited Investigations of Myopic Press): At a press conference today, Sir Osis of the Liver announced that he had finally gained complete control of Y. When asked his reasons for this action, he replied, "Why Not," setting of an hour and a half of confused babbling, during which Osis slipped out for a drink.

MASONOPOLIS, PHUMPHA (IDUNNO): Umberto announced that a major victory was scored against Liechtenstein on the front in Happy Half Acres. Liechtenstein was left in complete control of the territory. Umberto graciously accepted the admission of defeat from Herbert Halfwit, Commander of the Liechtensteinian forces, after H. H. had learned of this crushing blow.

Y (National Observers Television): This station fails to see the reason for the confusion caused by Sir Osis' explanation of his takeover. In appreciation of his clarity in communication, NOT is awarding him a can of Sterno.

MUD, PHUMPHA (Junior Underground National Kidding Society): Larry the Laughable and his cousin, Rodney Perambulator, expressed concern over the growing atheism of today's youth.

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DO NOT PASS CHICAGO, DO NOT COLLECT 20 DELEGATES

(A shorter version of this review appeared almost four years ago in GRAUSTARK #160)

In 1960 Games Research Inc., the publishers of Diplomacy, brought out the game Convention. This game, a simulation of a presidential nominating convention, is re-published every election year. This is its fourth appearance, still unchanged from the original version, and while it is a playable and enjoyable game, it is as far from simulating a modern political convention as Chess is from simulating a modern war.

In fact, Convention is on its way to becoming an exercise in nostalgia for older players, and in irrelevance for younger ones. It has been 20 years since a Democratic National Convention went to two ballots for a presidential candidate, and 24 years since the Republicans did so. It is 32 years since either party's convention has gone beyond 3 ballots. The difference between the two parties, and among factions within them, has narrowed greatly since the classical era of convention politics, and this fact has produced a great body of opinion outside the structure of the "two-party system", to which it does not respond and which does not respond to it.

This became painfully evident in 1968, when the two conventions proceeded with business as usual while the American people attempted to call their attention to the real issues. The rioting at the Democratic convention in Chicago made headlines, but it is not so well known that the Republican convention at Miami Beach also met this response. In fact, more people were killed and more property destroyed in Miami than in Chicago.

As a result, Convention as a game does not simulate the modern presidential nominating process, but mocks it by holding its past up as a mirror. Nowadays we all know how presidential candidates are chosen. A little gang of party bosses holds a series of meetings and determines which candidate will best perpetuate their power. Contrary minded are clubbed into insensibility, and the resulting nominee is presented as the product of the democratic process. Though this development is usually associated with the 1968 conventions, it could be seen coming in 1964 when such strong-arm tactics and back-room finagling dominated the Republican convention.

This development has been somewhat obscured by the press, which has to sell newspapers and thus has an interest in promoting conflicts and challenges where none exist. As the choice of a presidential nominee devolves upon a narrower and narrower group, his identity becomes apparent earlier and earlier, once the preferences of the king-makers are known. There was never any serious question that anybody but Stevenson would be nominated by the Democrats in 1956, Kennedy in 1960, Johnson in 1964, or Humphrey in 1968. The so-called "Dump Goldwater" movement of 1964 was also the creation of a few writers looking for copy, as its non-appearance made evident when the convention actually met. This election year is not a month old yet, and the Democratic nomination is clearly a matter between Muskie and Humphrey, with the former having the inside track. As for the Republicans, all that the press can find to write about is a "Dump-the-Veep" rumor like 1956. And we all know what became of that one.

In fact, this may be the year that the booby-trap in the 12th Amendment blows up in our faces. In 4 of the 6 post-war elections, tickets were entered with a deliberate design of splitting the vote and deadlocking the election. This scheme came close to success in 1968, and may work this year now that the People's Party is moving in from the Left. This year may end in the worst constitutional crisis since 1876.

Under these circumstances, Convention may be welcomed by many players as a glimpse of the America that used to be. In it, from 2 to 6 players travel around a board that looks like a cross between Monopoly and Careers, trying to pick up committed and uncommitted delegates by various means. From Monopoly it takes the perimetric path around the board, the "State Primaries" in which delegates may be won by landing on the appropriate squares, and 20 more delegates to each player as he lands on or passes the starting-place. The debt to Careers is even greater. The "Progress Report" cards, like the "Experience" cards of Careers, may be used in place of a roll of the dice. There is the "Credentials Committee", corresponding to Monopoly's "Jail" but more closely to the "Park Bench" of Careers. As in Careers, one can get out by throwing 7, 11, or doubles, thus making the odds against the player a mere 11 to 7. Also from Careers are the interior paths, along which a player moves with a

single die as he attempts to win large state delegations in caucuses.

Altogether there are 1400 delegates. About 200 of them can be picked up in state primaries, and 500 in the caucuses; the rest are "Uncommitted" and in practice are handed around very much like the play money in Monopoly. The primary delegates are practically inalienable -- another unrealistic rule -- but if you go through a caucus and land on the right square you can grab the delegates that are already in another player's hand. The "Uncommitted" delegates are in a sort of bank, but once they are gone from that bank, players who win them take them from other players. In practice, this means that the leading players are hit for contributions on such occasions.

Scoring is kept by officially held ballots. These can be obtained either through a player's landing on the starting square, by a successful Demonstration, or through the "Strategy" cards. These cards play the role of the "Opportunity" cards in Careers, and enable players to move to the entry square of a caucus, to call for a ballot, to block someone else's call for a ballot, or to make a desperation play in the "Smoke-Filled Room". The leader in a ballot, provided he has over 300 votes, gets 50 votes' worth of "Bandwagon Sentiment" from each other player. The player with the fewest votes becomes the "Dark Horse", and may under certain circumstances benefit from a show of "Dark Horse Sentiment".

At any time, once he has made one trip around the board, a player may hold a "Demonstration". This begins with a declaration of intent, whereupon the player must go through the next three moves without landing on a square that costs him votes or makes him lose a turn. The cards are helpful in getting through a demonstration, he not only gets 30 votes from each other player but can move directly to any square on the outside track. For example, the leader would move to the starting place and call for a ballot, while the "Dark Horse" would move to a square which announces a delegate-winning wave of "Dark Horse Sentiment". A player whose demonstration fails loses 20 votes to each other player.

If, after the conclusion of a ballot, one player has an absolute majority of the votes (or 1000 votes in a 2-man game) he wins at once.

The "Smoke-Filled Room" is a desperation play, and the only aspect of this game that would survive translation into 1972 terms. On this space, a player stakes everything on the throw of one die. If the bosses approve, he wins half the "Uncommitted Delegates" of the other players. If they disapprove, he is out of the game.

Convention lends itself easily to grudge fights, as players choose from whom they will take the "Uncommitted Delegates" which they win. Of course, an opponent goaded too far by this technique will not only strike back at you the same way, but will also seek out and enter state caucuses which you have already won.

For those who find Diplomacy taking too much time, Convention is shorter and just as wild. Though it lacks verisimilitude, it is a thoroughly enjoyable "light" game. Proper strategy involves knowing when to call a Demonstration and how to exploit the winning of one. Proper play of the cards, particularly in the caucuses, is also important.

Convention may be obtained from Games Research Inc., 48 Wareham St., Boston, Mass 02118 or from the usual board game outlets. The price in 1968 was \$5, but that may be up too.

A better political game might be made for a general election -- particularly now that the virtual identity of the two major parties is producing additional ones. Or there might be a game which begins with a deadlocked election, and then proceeds by maneuvers, alliances, and backstabbing worthy of Diplomacy as players try, first to get each other's Electors away from them, and then, if that fails to produce a decision, going into the congressional log-rolling required for such matters in the 12th Amendment. Historians will recall that this last happened in 1824, when the top three candidates threw such a deadlock into the House of Representatives. Number Four gave his support to Number Two, getting a cabinet position and creating such great sympathy for Number One that he went on to win decisively four years later and set his seal on a generation of American politics. Or the model might be 1876, when Samuel Tilden was the clear majority choice of the American voters and the Electors, but still lost the Presidency by brute force.

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"WHEN A DUTCH MEETS A DUTCH..."

by Hugh B. Anderson

((This account of an across-the-board game is continued from the previous issue, having been truncated there for lack of space.))

In 1911 and 1912, Turkey consolidated its hold on Austria's former possessions, except Budapest (occupied by Russia), and made builds designed to ultimately throw Russia out of Ankara, the Black Sea, and Rumania. During these years, it looked as if Russia would capture all of England, and emerge as the victor before Turkey could get a Russian offensive going. But in 1912 Paul den Uyl took over the play of France, and launched a startling counter-attack upon Russia. Paul wheeled all forces north, grabbed Norway, protected Austria in Denmark (where a government in exile had been established) and penetrated the lowlands.

Having taught Russia a lesson, France then made an alliance with Russia, and wheeled its forces back south in 1914 to engage the Turks in Iberia and North Africa. But too late. The Turks by then had mastered the Black Sea, and could not be stopped from taking Sevastopol in 1915 for the 18th supply center, had the game continued.

A final evaluation of the play of the participants: Anderson as Turkey played stolidly, made few mistakes, suffered Russia's continuing stabs with patience, and was surprisingly successful with his early quixotic forays with an army through Galicia, Silesia, Berlin, and Kiel. Anderson had a trump card: he drove Hunt (Russia) and Thomson (Austria) from Lansing to Holland. He constantly reminded Hunt and Thomson that it was a 100 mile walk back to Lansing. Diplomacy needs a Canon of Ethics that would outlaw that kind of intimidation.

Hunt played brilliantly, but erratically, as Russia. Once his tactical skills improve to the level of his diplomatic prowess, he'll be tough to beat. Thomson (Austria) is, of course, a veteran of the game, and played extremely well. He was forced by circumstances into a dangerous alliance with Turkey, because of the sudden growth of France in the early years. Bob van Andel, taking over from Thomson, did well to survive in Denmark, considering the hopeless position vis-a-vis Turkey that existed when he entered the game.

This is
O At
P Great
E Intervals
R This
A Appears
T To
I Inflamm
O Optic
N Nerves

Barents, as England, was naive in leaving the British Isles undefended as he launched an all-out attack on Russia, without any non-aggression commitment from France. He quickly paid the penalty for his folly. Steve Langs (Germany) failed to forge any firm alliances with anyone, and made a horrible error in turning against France at a time when his eastern front invited a devastating attack from the three eastern powers. Bob Hagelshaw, who played France the first 11 years, played very well from a tactical standpoint, but failed to exert sufficient diplomatic initiative. His successor, Paul den Uyl, was tactically brilliant, but arrived a hair too late to salvage a hopeless situation. Lewis Pulsipher (Italy) never got off the ground, through no fault of his own.

It was a great game, and a dandy tournament, and Barents and den Uyl deserve a world of credit for promoting it. To the unwary: Look out for David Hunt and Paul den Uyl in future Diplomacy games!

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

"We cannot conduct a people's liberation war in Sinai because there are no people there." - Gamal Abd-el-Nasser to Mau Dze-dung, 1967, quoted in New York Post, 18 January 1972

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It is frequently reported from Vietnam that officers who are eager to lead their men out to fight often get "fragged" - that is, a fragmentation grenade is tossed into a gunho type's tent after dark. This is by no means a new way of expressing disapproval of an overly aggressive military policy.

In 1718, after 18 years of war against Russia, Poland, and Denmark, Sweden was militarily and economically exhausted. But the war went on, mainly because King Karl XII cared for nothing else in life whatever. Finally, when he was besieging the Danish fortress of

Friderikstad in Norway, the war ended the only way it could. The king poked his head up above the embankment to see how the battle was going and - it is generally believed - one of his own soldiers shot him through the head. Sweden was finished as a major power, but at last the country was at peace and could begin healing the wounds caused by the king's mad ambition.

Another such event is described by Fletcher Pratt in his book The Empire and the Sea (1946). It was 1793, and England had just begun what was to be a 22-year war against revolutionary France. At that time no one could be an officer on a French ship unless he held a patent of nobility. "At the outbreak Morard de Galle sent two line-of-battleships and a pair of frigates to cruise down Biscay under Admiral Duval...A chance-met sail reported enemy three-deckers moving towards the same seas....The men of the French frigates...forced their captains to sail for home. But Duval himself, full of naval tradition and noblesse oblige, ordered his two 74's in the direction of an enemy four times his strength...The flagship's steersman turned her in the wrong direction; Duval knocked him down, seized the wheel himself, and was instantly shot by the unwilling sailors."

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One of the most interesting touches to Pratt's histories is the "roll-of-drums" technique, where some major development is introduced in a very low key, and the reader is left to supply his own background effects. There is a good example of this in this same book, describing the 1793 Toulon campaign. That French Mediterranean seaport was undergoing a Royalist counter-revolt, and a Republican army had come down from the capital to stop it. In support of the Royalists was an Anglo-Spanish force, whose land forces were commanded by a General O'Hara. On 30 November, O'Hara's men stormed a battery near Toulon, but were cut to pieces by a French counter-attack. O'Hara himself was wounded and taken prisoner.

"As the surgeon was dressing the General's wound, a skinny little Jacobin with dirty hair falling round a face grimed with powder came over to ask some questions. His manner was easy, but he pressed pretty hard on some points...When he was gone after giving orders that the General be allowed to send a flag for such personal conveniences as clean linen, O'Hara asked who he was.

"Le Capitaine Buona-parte, commanding the artillery," The medical man made a face. "One of those Corsican bandits brought here by Saliceti."

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"Hearts of glass are our ships!" Well, maybe. According to the New York Times of 19 January 1972, "The world's first fiberglass warship was launched by Britain today as the forerunner of Britain's plastic navy."

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Burt Hochberg, editor of Chess Life & Review, has added a few words to the controversy over the Godfather Game. (See the last two issues of GRAUSTARK for details.) He points out that Chess may have been a fairly accurate simulation of war during the Middle Ages, but not at present. He goes on to observe that "Mr. Porter fails to pinpoint exactly the error of some editorial comment, of concerned legislators and of censors who would blame toymakers for the ills of society and who believe that everything children learn in play will be practiced by them as adults in the real world, that as they mature children will be unable to distinguish socially acceptable from socially unacceptable behavior." (letter, New York Times, 17 January 1972)

To which it may be necessary to add that Go players insist that their game is as good a simulation of modern warfare as Chess is of medieval warfare. In fact, during World War II there was sold in Japan a Go board on which the grid overlay a map of the Pacific theater of war!

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"One of Anderson's critics solemnly warned that such revelations could not only sink Kissinger and China, but also inhibit participants in future discussions. From the evidence of the Anderson papers, that might not be a bad idea." - Mary McGrory, New York Post, 15 January 1972

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It is often said that nothing promotes a movement like a few martyrs. If that is true then the ecology movement is in for a great growth, for it is about to get its first martyr. One of this movement's most frequently made complaints is that new housing destroys scenic areas, spoiling the environment. John Linley Fraser, 25, decided not just to com-

plain but to do something. Accordingly, on 19 October 1970 he attacked one of these homes in the California mountains and killed all five people in it.

On 16 December 1971, Fraser was sentenced to death for these murders. The case is now on appeal.

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The following back issues of GRAUSTARK are available at 15¢ each or 15 for \$1.00: 108-111, 117-120, 128, 131, 137, 139, 140, 147, 167, 170, 171, 191, 195, 198-200, 202-212, 215-217, 219, 222-224, 231, 241-243, 246-250, 252-256. Some of them are in very short supply.

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Recently there have been many Gamesmasters who run their games in somebody else's publication. This has caused newer players to raise the question of who is Gamesmaster of the GRAUSTARK games. All of them are refereed by the publisher, John Boardman, except for 1970BB and 1971BG. The Gamesmaster for these games is John Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023; 212-724-4352.

Of these games, 1970BB has a two-week deadline, which falls on the Monday evening just prior to the publication of an issue of GRAUSTARK. The moves and adjudications are mailed to me, and I publish them that Saturday and mail them out to the players. Retreats, builds, and removals are phoned in to the Gamesmaster, and by him to me.

Since 1971BG has players in all parts of the country, its deadlines are 3 weeks apart. The next such deadline will be on 31 January; the Gamesmaster will mail out the adjudications by carbon copy to the players, and the moves will be printed in GRAUSTARK #258 on 12 February. The deadline after that, for "Spring 1903" moves, will be 21 February, and the moves will be printed in GRAUSTARK #259 on 26 February.

On or about 23 February, John Beshara will be out of town for a few weeks. If 1970BB is still in progress at that time, its temporary Gamesmaster will be Richard Miller, 350 Central Park West, New York, N. Y. 10025; 212-222-9739. As for 1971BG, I will be running it during Beshara's absence on the usual 2-week deadline. These deadlines will fall on the Saturdays that GRAUSTARK is published. For details see future issues.

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"First, destruction of life and property; then, standing armies, extension of executive power, the rise of the military over the civil power - Objections to the Union on this score answered - Army not dangerous to liberty, if there is a Union - Examples of Greece..."

To which Terry Kuch, who contributed this excerpt from a chapter heading in The Federalist Papers, adds: "Mr. Madison, meet the Colonels!" And to which I add: "Colonel Henderson?"

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"John V. Lindsay...is apparently going to run for President on the theory that if you can't govern New York, then find something that is governable," - R. W. Apple, New Statesman, 19 November 1971

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Paul J. Wood, 24613 Harmon, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080 announces that he is joining the ranks of Diplomacy Gamesmasters. The subscription to his 'zine will be \$2 per year; the game entry fee is an additional \$1 per game. (This seems to differ from the policy of most Gamesmasters, who set higher game fees but send the 'zine free to all players.)

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Rod Walker has assigned the designation "1972G" to the game announced on p. 5 of this issue of GRAUSTARK, and called there "G-VI".

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For several months there have been frequent complaints in the press about the Soviet Union's anti-Israel policy. This policy has manifested itself in a refusal by Soviet authorities to let Jews emigrate to Israel.

Now, according to columnists Evans and Novak (New York Post, 24 January 1972) Soviet anti-Israel policy has taken a new turn. It is "The sudden and wholly unexpected Soviet decision to flood Israel with Russian Jewish immigrants".

This leaves just one question - what steps towards Israel would a pro-Israeli policy require the USSR to take?

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES (continued from p. 5)

"Nobody believes in us any more," they said in a joint announcement, "Except for Bangs Leslie Tappscott.

MENSTRUUALA (BALLS): It has been reported that the Czar of Russia is a blood sucker. This rumor is true and the people of this town rose up in arms over this. This rebellion at this date has not been put down and Karlos seems none to worried about it as he had his favorite drink a bloody Mary.

POLLUTIDAR (URRP): Before a turbulent session of the Inferial Diet, His Inferial Majesty Honj the Horny, Emperoar of Pollutidar, denounced the inhabitants of Earth's Outer Crust for their war. "The Earth's crust is only 500 miles thick, and the racket made by their war is upsetting the Subterranean Way of Life!" he declared before a screaming horde made up of all the races of Pollutidar. "Since Pollutidar's Central Sun is immobile," he said, "our only method of telling time is by the number of sleeps. This noise is keeping us awake. Unless the inferior effete races of the Outer Crust cease this disturbance, we will march on them in all the might of our numbers!"

The Inferial Diet cheered their monarch's speech in a wild outburst, during which six cave-men were eaten by Mahars, two Mahars were torn to shreds by Azarians, three Azarians were trampled to death by Ganaks, and the Ganak delegation was stampeded out of the Chamber by shouting Suvian cave-men. The Minister for Preparedness for War and Dinner later remarked that such martial enthusiasm is a good sign that Pollutidar is ready for war, conquest, victory, and new recipes.

MOSCOW: It has been reported that the Czar of all Russia was heard to say today "I've got it I've really got it. This will make metical histroy. I mean I've 35 yrs old and know I get it. It about time .."

The meaning of all this is not clear but the doctor to the Czar ws called in as was the Dutch Boy. They were the only ones that were allowed in to see KK and when the Dutch Boy came out he only shook his head and said ' its the first time I'm ever seen anything like this what will His Wife say? I'll have to give her comfort in any way that I can. Oh yes the Czar has appointed me head of Domestic affairs today since he is unable to continue' At which he let out a little snicker and left.

VANGILLA: The Boy, know to the world as Dutch, or Barents today disclosed his new partner in the Affairs business. I'm happytoday to annouce the signing of the great Puliphier to the staff of the affairs dept. Since I'm now also the head of domestic and forgienn affairs I deemed it neqarry to hire a new hand. I'm unable to be in two places at once so I'm taking in Glue Puliphier. Glue is a really killer and knocks them dead. He will head up the new dept. lesser affairs. I shall handle all the big affairs both domestic and foriegn."

WARSAW: In the offices of the war dept, Barents annourced a new anti weapon. We have the new counter weapon Wheat germ. It attacks the spring of the weapon and hurls the balls back to where they came from. Barents then went on to explain that it was a meat head that devolped such a thing.

SCREWLA: From his retreat high in the mts of Jubbla, Barents toaday annouced that he was in fact the ancestor of Murry the first to discoverthe Barents Sea. "That is why I left Holland because they kept calling me a bird brain. But I hope to go back there soon and I'll show them who is a bird brain and a egg head."

POLLUTIDAR (URRP): As the varied nations, races, and species of the Inner Crust prepare for the campaign against the Outer Crusters of Europe, the naturally warlike spirits of these peoples have caused a few untoward incidents. Seventy-five Horib cavalrymen reported to a recruiting depot in the Inferial capital and demanded to be inducted immediately. The recruiting sergeant, a Sarian cave-man named Wane the Green One, told them to wait in line behind about fifty Xexots and Korsars.

A few moments later, the reptilian Horibs again entered the recruiting office. When told to wait their turn, they replied, "There isssn't anyone in line ahead of usss now. We ate them all!"

The Horibs, whom Wane praised for showing "The military spirit appropriate to loyal Pollutidareans", were immediately enlisted and sent to the front.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

TERRY KUCH, 7554 Spring Lake Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20034: Re GRAU #255, page 7: Mrs. Gandhi uses "East Bengal" and not "Bangla Desh" (or "Bangladesh" as the newspapers have lately taken to writing) not through any nefarious political motives, but because she is speaking English, not in this case Hindi or Bengali. "Bangla" means "Bengal", and "Desh" means "East". The two terms East Bengal and Bangla Desh are precisely equivalent, and I find Mrs. Gandhi's practice in refreshing contrast to those, including American liberals and newspapers, who try to use the native word for everything, no matter how inappropriate such a word is in the context of an English sentence. I think it is a sign of snobbishness or misplaced sentiment to use foreign words in English sentences when a good, established English equivalent exists. We do not, for instance, normally write "Island", "Oesterreich", or "Brasil" but rather "Iceland", "Austria", and "Brazil". (An interesting instance: some years ago I had occasion to write a state agency in Brazil, and used the Portuguese spelling of that country's name. I received a polite correction to the effect that the word is "Brasil" in the context of writing in Portuguese, but "Brazil" in English contexts.) Let us then use "East Bengal" and not "Bangla Desh". If this is the point of your "Bang Bang Dish", I agree with you.

YUKIO MISHIMA WAS GOD

((Fine - except that the New York Times and practically every other source I've seen are unanimous in insisting that "Bangla Desh" means "Bengali State".))

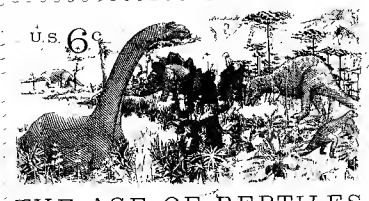
((Actually, India has regarded East Pakistan as potential Indian territory since long before last December's war. Just west of that region is an Indian state called "West Bengal". There is no Indian state called "East Bengal"; the implication is that someday the eastern part of Pakistan will achieve that status. Now this Indian dream is much nearer realization.))

((How comfortable would we feel if the Soviet Union began referring to Alaska as "East Siberia"?))

ROD WALKER, 4719 Felton St., San Diego, Calif. 92116: The personal bitterness and rancor with which John Beshara disagrees with people is constantly amazing (although he seems to be running out of new anatomical epithets and is reduced to reusing his old ones). His article in Atlantis has now seen print, and I do not accept many of its conclusions, nor do I agree that he has uncovered a "paradox" (as he intimates in Wazir #3). My answering article has also been sent to Atlantis. Disagreements are of course the life-blood of the hobby, and I wish that John would not insist on taking them so personally and in such an ugly mood. (By the way, in the Stalemate article, Wazir failed to give credit to the player who first uncovered the eastern stalemate position - Conrad von Metzke).

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